

68AD

GALBA is emperor

68 & 69

Three emperors had been installed and had become victims of murder or suicide. Vespasian became emperor in 69.

Spring 68

Vespasian was encircling his troops around Jerusalem, cutting off the city.

The Zealots in Jerusalem were led by John of GISCALA and the SICARII by a messianic figure called Simon bar GIORA.

68 AD

never committed suicide (forced)

8 June 68 & 9 June 68

With Nero openly planning to flee, the praetorian commander NIMPHIDIUS abandoned him as a lost cause and switched his allegiance to Galba.

Nero tried to flee but guards refused to help. He returned to the palace. He woke around midnight to find himself abandoned even by the palace attendants. Going out in the street he came across PHAON,

one of his freed men, who led him in disguise to
his villa, a few miles north-west of the city. Nero
was hiding in one of the back rooms of the villa
when the soldiers came to arrest him. Self-pitying
to the last, he exclaimed 'What an artist the world
is losing!' before stabbing himself in the neck.
His private secretary, EPAPHRODITUS, finished
off the job. He died on 9 June. He was
30 yrs old.

68

City after City fell to Vespasian, first those of Galilee and then in 68 those of Perea and in the countryside of Judea, including the QUMRAN Community (which produced the Dead Sea Scrolls).

According to EUSEBIUS, it was at this time that the Jerusalem Christians fled to PELLA.

Nero died in 68 causing Vespasian

to peace in the Jerusalem Campaign.

9 JUNE AD 68

Nero committed suicide at Rome
Buried in family tomb of Domitii
in the Pincian Hill

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Before the year 68 ended, Jerusalem was entirely controlled by the Jews, that is; by the Zealots, And the government was again under a succession of high priests

68AD

St Linus becomes 2nd Pope

March 68 AD

Rebellion of governor of Central
Gaul - JULIUS VINDEX

April (early) 68 AD

Governor of Nearer Spain
SULPICIUS () ALBA, was
hailed as Emperor by his troops

June 9, 68 AD

NERO, feeling his position
desperate, committed suicide

Thereupon Galba was recognized
as PRINCEPS by the Senate